

## ***Conserving Alaska's Fisheries Through Community Outreach***

### **Kenai River Festival**

This weekend community fair celebrates the Kenai River. We conduct an activity called "Pathway to Fishing", a multi-step interactive program about fish biology, sportfishing equipment, skills, and sportsmanship - culminating in the very popular casting practice.

### **Homer Youth Fishing Fair**

Held annually for the last 13 years, this Saturday event offers hands-on activities to teach young people sportfishing skills presented by staff from agencies and fishing associations. Our office leads an activity to teach proper fish handling techniques for catch-and-release fishing.

### **Science Camps**

We facilitate summer science camps at some of our fish weirs in the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. We offer a different method for introducing students to the integration of science and education through participation in lectures and hands on activities. The science camps are not only an ongoing success for the students involved, but have established unique relationships between the local villages and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.